

HISTORIC HOLIDAY NO MORE

St. Distaff's Day, Celebrated by Our Grandmothers, Forgotten by This Generation.

Our grandmothers remembered, but most of us have forgotten a historic holiday which until recent decades was celebrated in January. It is St. Distaff's day, "the morrow after Twelfth day," and it falls on January 7. In days of old, when knights were bold, all ordinary household cares save cooking were put aside at Christmas for 12 days. High revel was held in the interval, but on January 7 the women of every home returned to their ordinary pursuits. In those times, the distaff was the symbol of femininity. A man who wished to say he had inherited property or a trait through his mother would say he got it "from the distaff side of the house." All unmarried women were called spinsters, a name that has stuck to this day, and women of all degrees, when visiting neighbors, carried their distaffs. So it was that the day on which women took up their regular occupations, chief of which was spinning, was dedicated to St. Distaff, and until modern machinery usurped the place of the spinning wheel the holiday was kept faithfully.

VASES IN PARIS.

To have pairs of vases with flowers arranged as nearly alike as possible is the latest fad in smart households. These appear in all possible places, and each room is kept to a color scheme. A charming combination, when white and green are desired, is that of climbing white jasmine, the fragile Japanese narcissus and lilies-of-the-valley. The jasmine vine has most exquisite foliage that shows many tender shades, and the starlike flower is deliciously fragrant, but not overpowering.

Repents at Leisure.

Princess Amelia von Furstenberg, one of the most beautiful of the German princesses, married a humble automobile demonstrator last June, eloping with him after Emperor William and members of her family had done all they could to prevent the match. She sacrificed all her chances of power, and is said to regret her action very much now that she has to live on the small sum of money her husband can afford to give her.

TWO HAPPY PRINCESSES.

Princess Albert of Bavaria is said to be the happiest princess in Europe. She is the daughter of Duke Theodore of Bavaria, who, despite his royal birth, is one of the best oculists in the world. Her sister, the wife of Prince Rupert of Bavaria, is also said to be a very happy wife, and the secret of the good fortune of the sisters is said to lie in the fact that they are both fond of outdoor sports, and this makes them popular with the people.

HER FEAR.



"Are you afraid of the dark?" asked a mother of her little daughter. "I was once, mamma, when I went into the dark pantry to take a tart." "What were you afraid of?" "I was afraid I shouldn't find the tart."

SINGLE BLESSEDNESS.

"Bilkins' daughter is very strict with him." "Yes." "He asked her some time ago if he could marry again. She told him he could if he permitted her to pick the kind of stepmother she desired." "Well?" "He is still unmarried."—Exchange.

ITS CHARACTERISTIC.

"It's a wonder there are not big profits in lawmaking." "Why especially in lawmaking?" "Because it is a business in which there is always a rake-off."

NOT QUITE THE SAME.

"Can you speak French?" "No, sir; but my brother can walk Spanish."

SPEED ON ENGLISH RAILROADS.

Noticeable Improvement Has Been Made Within a Few Years.

A steady improvement in the facilities for travel on English railroads in the last ten or a dozen years is revealed in an elaborate review of this year's service by Engineering. The advances include an increase in the number of trains making long runs without a stop, the general use of restaurant cars and operation at higher speeds than were formerly deemed safe and practicable.

The most notable gains in speed are observed in comparatively short runs. Anything like 56 or 57 miles an hour for a greater distance than 25 miles was almost unknown in England in 1895. Now it is sustained or surpassed regularly on four different lines. One, the Caledonian, has three trains daily which travel 33 miles at a rate ranging from 57 to 61 miles an hour. The Great Northern operates the same number of trains for 90 miles at the rate of 56 miles an hour, and the London & Northwestern and the Great Western each has 14 regular trains daily which maintain this speed, the former for 102 miles and the latter for 125 miles. A good many American expresses, on straight and level sections of track, equal or surpass these performances for considerable portions of their regular service. Indeed, spurts at the rate of 65 or 70 miles an hour are not uncommon in this country. Still, the difference is small, and for short distances it must be admitted that the new records in England are close to the best achievements in the United States.

Ten years ago expresses from London to Edinburgh and Glasgow covered 400 miles at a rate slightly exceeding 50 miles an hour. In the figures supplied by Engineering there is no indication of the gains made by the east coast and west coast lines in the meantime, though it is safe to say that there has been an appreciable improvement. One of the most remarkable regular runs made on the Great Western, however, is for a distance of 223 miles. It is accomplished at the rate of 56 miles an hour and without a stop. As the Twentieth Century Limited of the New York Central from New York city to Chicago travels more than four times as far (977 miles) in 1,080 minutes and maintains an average speed of 54 miles an hour, it is fair to claim the long-distance honors for America.

FREIGHT THAT IS UNLUCKY.

Railroads Obligated to Pay Out Millions Every Year for Damages.

It is said that the amount paid out by the roads of the United States in 1907 for freight claims was \$24,000,000. These claims originate from various causes, such as defective cars, careless employees and incorrect classification, but one agent says that on his road improper handling is responsible for about 22 per cent. of money paid out for freight claims.

"Another feature contributing very largely to the amounts we pay out for loss and damage," said the claim agent, "is defective cars. Our rules say that each agent must inspect the cars. Now the term inspection covers a multitude of features. It does not mean that the running gear of the car only is to be inspected but it means that we want to satisfy ourselves that the body of the car and the roof of the car are tight enough to carry the load without damage by water. 'I have in my mind a certain agent at a flour loading station whom I found on top of a box car, and in response to my inquiry as to what he was doing up there he advised me he was examining the roof—and I want to say that agent has been promoted because he was the proper link in the chain. I have in mind a claim presented for damage to flour by water where the agent declared positively that the inspection had been properly made, but the defects in that roof apparent at the terminal point indicated old breaks and that the car was not fit for flour loading. This he may have considered a small matter, but it cost the company \$275.'"

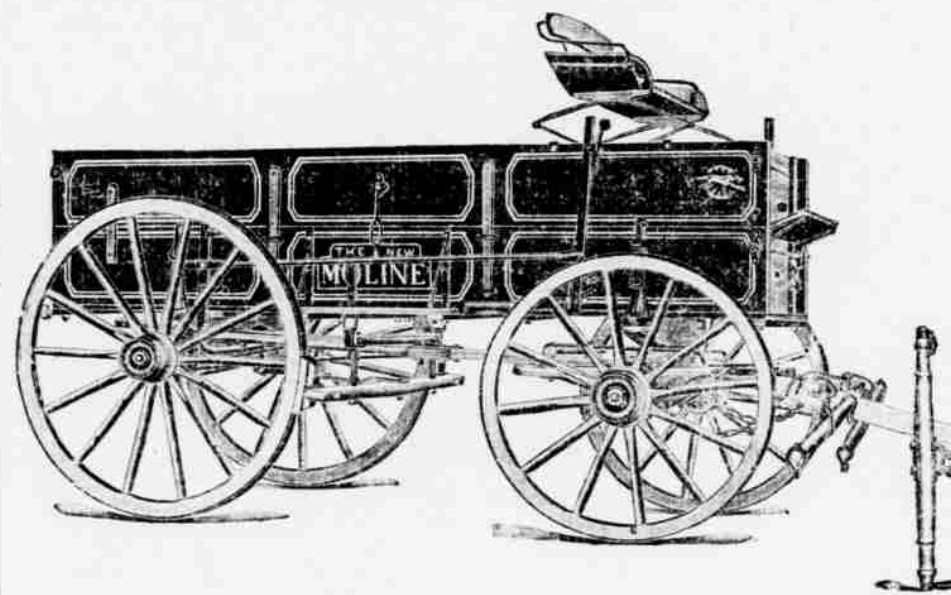
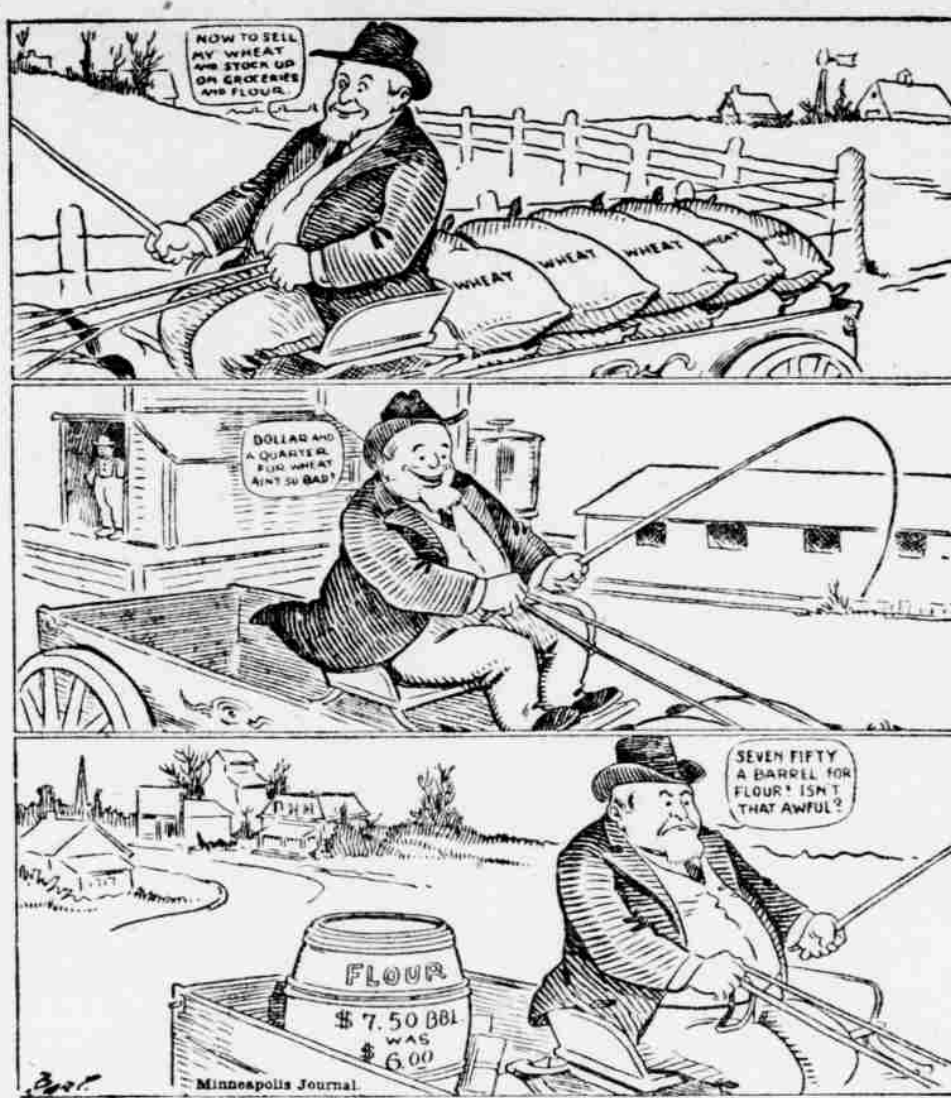
No Tipping on German Lines.

New railway regulations interesting to the large and increasing number of Americans visiting Germany went into force April 1. Tipping of railway employees on trains is prohibited; passengers giving tips will be punished and the official bribed will be dismissed. The railways will be responsible for passengers' luggage for 14 days and at all times responsible for luggage lost. Children over ten years will not be permitted to travel in compartments reserved for women. If a train is full, a traveler, although he may have a ticket, may be compelled to wait for the next train. A friend taking leave of a traveler and remaining in a train until it moves will have to pay a fine of \$1.50.

Marvels of the Telegraph.

Karachi, in northwestern India, is now within a minute of London by telegraph. The Indo-European Telegraph Company has recently introduced a system of relays along its line, so that the electric current which starts from London can be propelled the full distance of more than five thousand miles to Karachi. Hitherto it has been necessary to have operators at several points to take the message and repeat it. The relays, which substitute a strong current for a weak one, have displaced the operators and quickened the time in which messages can be transmitted. The system is not a novel one, and has long been in use in this country, but the Anglo-Indian line is longest upon which it has been established.

THIS MIGHT HAPPEN.



New Car Deere Buggies

Just come in, New Styles, Twin Automobile Seats, New as the Newest, Better than ever. Prices Always Lowest Quality Considered.

We Want You to See Them.

Davis & Chapell Hardware Co.

Cassville News.

From The Republican.

Mrs. Chas. Brown of Monett, Mrs. Sam Boyd and Miss Mae Boyd of Neosho, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hadley.

E. C. Hagood, south of town went to Monett Saturday.

Attorneys J. E. Sater and D. H. Kemp of Monett were here Monday attending probate court.

Miss Julia Robbins of Monett, came down last week to visit her brother, Bert Robbins, and attend the summer school.

Judge L. B. Durnil came down from Monett Monday and held a regular term of probate court here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Helen Hobbs returned from a visit at Monett Tuesday.

Grover Hobbs, Raymond Varner and Fred DeGroat of Monett attended the ball game here Tuesday.

The Cassville school board met Monday afternoon and elected Prof. C. E. Highfill of Columbia, superintendent for the coming year, at a salary of \$90 per month.

Wednesday Club.

Mrs. A. L. Jenks entertained the Wednesday club this week at her home on Sixth street. Mrs. Harry Flemming was awarded the prize.

The guests were Mesdames L. D. McKee, John Walsh, W. T. Dailey, A. S. Hawkins, A. B. Knapp, Geo. Edgar, J. R. Russell, J. J. Davis, Geo. Morrow, C. W. Copeland, Harry Flemming, W. M. Wainwright and Al Livesay.

The fast mail was two hours late Thursday forenoon caused by the trucks of the tender jumping the track at a point one mile west of Robertsville.

Dead

Sarah Isabelle Kemper was born near Mt. Vernon, Mo. July 18, 1850, died April 27, 1909. At the age of 19 she was married to R. C. Kemper and to the union were born 8 children, six girls and two boys. C. W. Kemper of Exeter, E. C. Kemper of Hebes, Ark., Mrs. Sarah Weatherly of Exeter, Mrs. G. E. Young of Kansas City, Dortha Callard of Sedalia and Misses Alice and Jessie Kemper of Exeter.

Early in life Sister Kemper was converted and united with the Baptist church and she was also a member of the Rebekah lodge at Peirce City.

When she was told that the doctor had given up all hope she said she was ready, and was anxious for her children.

The funeral was conducted by the writer in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives. The body was laid to rest in Maple cemetery at Exeter to await that bright and cloudless morning when the trumpet of God shall awake the sleeping nations of earth. May all the children prepare to meet mother over on the other bright shore, where sad partings come no more.

C. M. SMITH in Cassville Republican.

Miss Gertrude Madden, who had been visiting her cousin, Miss Macie Lyons returned to her home at Kansas City Wednesday.

J. E. Wells, of Kansas City, superintendent of the western division of the Wells-Fargo express and A. J. Caulker, of St. Louis, superintendent of the eastern division, are in the city. They are making plans to remodel the express office building at this place.

BARRY COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Special Election Ordered to Vote an Indebtedness of \$50,000 to Build Court House

At the regular monthly meeting of the County Court of Barry county a petition was filed asking the Court to order a special election for the purpose of building a court house at Cassville and incurring an indebtedness of \$50,000 payable in three years by a direct tax levy of 40 cents on the \$100 valuation.

The petition was granted and the Court ordered an election to be held June 11, 1909.

A bond proposition requires a two thirds vote to carry, but a direct tax can be made effective by a bare majority. A bond issue has been defeated a number of times, now a new plan will be tried.

Clothes Washer Case.

Mrs. Louise E. Crocker filed an interplea in circuit court yesterday declaring that the title to the property at the southeast corner of South and Mt. Vernon streets was vested in her and should not be involved in the suit of M. H. Depue against Edwin Crocker and the Swift 1904 Clothes Washer company. Depue is suing to recover money spent by him for a patent agency for the clothes washer. The defendant filed denials of his allegations yesterday. Denials were also filed by them in a similar suit by Fred L. Panter.—Springfield Republican.

No Home at All

"What is home without a newspaper?" asks the Troy (Kan) Chief. And it proceeds to answer its own question as follows: "A home without a newspaper is no home at all. It is a kind of dreary den where the inhabitants live in blissful ignorance of what the world is doing. It is inhabited by a class who do not know who is president or what he is president of—who never find out that a thing has happened until long after everyone else has forgotten it. The children grow up in rags and dirt while the wife generally finds consolation in darning socks and lugging a pipe loaded with long green tobacco, and the man generally lives because he can't die, and he is too lazy to kill himself. He goes out on election day and does not know whom he is voting for, but just takes the ticket and a drink and spoils his ballot."

Injunction Not Granted

Judge Johnston rendered his decision Tuesday in the matter of the application of the Monett commercial club for a restraining order enjoining the Barry county court from selling the old court house. Judge Johnston's decision was that the restraining order should not be granted and so informed the county court while in session here Tuesday waiting his decision. The county court then proceeded to open the bids made for the purchase of the court house. The highest bidder was M. B. Babb of Cassville. His bid was \$150. Mr. Babb was given till May 15, to make contract and bond. The old building is to be removed within 90 days. Mr. Babb has not yet decided what use he will make of the old building.—Cassville Republican.

Dinner Party

Mrs. Julia Brown entertained a few friends at dinner on Wednesday evening in honor of her niece, Mrs. S. L. Boyd and Miss Mae Boyd, of Neosho.

The guests were Dr. and Mrs. Miller Dr. and Mrs. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett.

Good Crowd.

There was a large attendance at the Lyric Electric Theater Wednesday night. The proceeds of the evening was given to the Catholic Church for the benefit of the building fund. The entire program of the evening was good.

MENDON

The fireman was certainly appreciated by the farmers and was a benefit to everything.

Mrs. J. R. Russell and granddaughter Thelma, have been on the sick list but at present are able to be up.

Church was not very well attended at New Liberty Sunday on account of the weather. Bro. Qualls delivered a fine sermon.

Mr. Ben Matthews of Mt. Vernon spent a few days last week with his sister Mrs. Dora Davis.

Mr. Troy Beckett Miss Mable Weygant Mr. Oliver Anderson and Miss Orba Howard all spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Howard.

Mrs. Jane Blackshear and daughter Miss Norma of Wentworth visited friends around here from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mr. R. L. Mathews is again very feeble we are sorrow to note.

Misses Lynna and Orba Howard visited in Mt. Vernon Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Raymond Thomas of Aurora is visiting his brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Miles Thomas.

Wheat in this locality looks fairly good. Corn is slow coming up.

Mr. Herman Kaiser and Grandma Echert assisted Ernest Kaiser butcher Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melven Beymer and son Ralph spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hewlett and the parents of a baby boy born last Thursday the 6th.

We notice several from near and in Monett enroute to Mt. Vernon every day a courting I suppose.

Mrs. Laura Cox spent Tuesday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mathews.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Frank Davis Thursday.

Success to the TIMES and its many readers.

VIOLET.

J. Thomas is in the east purchasing a car load of furniture.

Leon Wainwright, who has been ill the past week, is better today.

Miss Bess Hammer, of Sarcoxie, is visiting Miss Claudia Snider.

Attorney F. P. Sizer went to Cassville on probate business Tuesday.

Tom Diggs is moving from the W. T. Williams property on Ninth street to Marshall Hill.

Mrs. Frank Wicks and son Allen of Peirce City attended the contest here Wednesday evening.

Mrs. T. M. Lumley of Wetumka, Okla., is visiting Miss May Randolph.

Mrs. M. C. Rittenhouse will go to Mt. Vernon Friday morning to attend Probate Court.

Mrs. M. L. Mayhew and Mrs. O. L. Newman, of Verona, visited in Monett Thursday.

Mrs. Joe Jackson and daughter Miss Ollie are visiting relatives at Flat Creek.

Misses Ina and Bess Boucher, of Purdy, were in Monett Wednesday evening.

The pupils of St. Joseph Catholic school enjoyed a picnic at Mendon Thursday.

Misses Stella and Mabel Boucher of Peirce City, visited in Monett Wednesday evening.

Miss Fleeta Rudy, of Neosho, is visiting her cousin, Miss Hazel Leckie.

Don Davis was hit in the head by a rock thrown by a boy at the Forest Park school and quite a bad cut was made. The boys were throwing rocks into a tree and Don was hit by accident.

One of the peculiar incidents of the oratorical contest at the high school building Wednesday night was that all four of the contestants who won prizes were residents of Fourth street.